



February 2004

## • Legislative Update

-With Congress out of session, it has been a quiet month in Washington. No new study or designation bills were introduced in January.

## • This Month in the Heritage Areas

-February is a busy month for the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA). **February 9-11, 2004**, Members of ANHA will meet in Washington, DC for their annual meeting, individual meetings with Congressional representatives, and a reception in the foyer of the Rayburn House Office Building on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** from 5.30-7.30. Dr. Jan Matthews, the new National Park Service Associate Director for Cultural Resources, has been invited to the meeting on the 9th.



-ANHA is publishing a new and improved **2003 Annual Report** on the National Heritage Areas in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS). This report will highlight the individual areas' accomplishments, summarize the year's activities, and report new national statistics. Electronic copies will be available in early February on the NPS National Heritage Areas website.

## • Upcoming Events and Conferences: Mark your Calendars

-Heritage Development Institute Workshops:



-Thursday, **February 19, 2004**, Augusta Georgia: *The Basics of Heritage Development*—a one-day workshop, sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University and the National Park Service, on the concept and practice of planning and implementing heritage areas. Presentations and discussion led by national heritage area directors and practitioners. For more information or to register, visit [www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/hdi.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/hdi.htm), call 615.898.2947 or email [spj2d@mtsu.edu](mailto:spj2d@mtsu.edu).

-Wednesday, **September 29, 2004**, Louisville, KY: 9-2.30p at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference—*The Basics of Heritage Areas: Getting Started*.

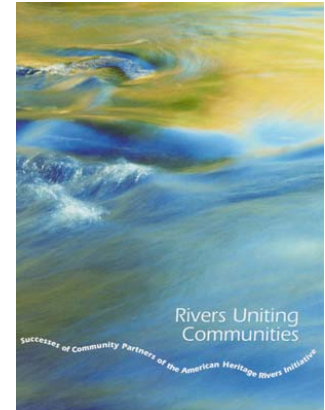
-Additional basics and advanced workshops are being planned, so check the website above periodically for updates.

-**March 25-28, 2004**, Natchitoches, LA: US/ICOMOS Symposium -- *Learning from World Heritage: Lessons from International Preservation & Stewardship of Cultural and Ecological Landscapes of Global Significance*. For more information, visit <http://www.icomos.org/usicomos/Symposium/SYMP04/2004%20Symposium.htm>

-**June 5-8, 2005**, Nashville, TN: International Heritage Development Institute Conference, sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage areas and hosted by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. For more information, visit <http://histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar>

- **New Publications**

**Rivers Uniting Communities: the Annual Report of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative** The Blackstone, Hudson, Erie, Cuyahoga and Lackawanna among other national heritage areas are included in this initiative, which recognizes and encourages the efforts of local communities to preserve, restore and protect their rivers to improve and strengthen the river communities' economy, pride and quality of life. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/rivers/>



- **News you can use: *Technical Bulletin #3***

-**Partnerships: Update on the activities of the National Park Service**

To read this technical bulletin, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/rep/tech3.htm>

- **Promotional Opportunities**

-Travel Industry of America (TIA) will soon unveil a *See America's National Parks Promotion Campaign* to support and promote the NPS system, gateways and surrounding regions. For five **free** ways to promote your area in connection with a unit of the national park system, visit <http://www.tia.org/marketing/default.asp>. Send news releases and story ideas related to your heritage area's activities with a NPS unit to TIA for inclusion on their website, <http://www.seeamerica.org/>, and in their monthly media newsletter. For more information, contact Mike Pina, TIA Manager of Public Relations and Communications at <mailto:mpina@tia.org>, or call 202.408.2137.

- **Upcoming Deadlines:** Grants, awards, conference paper sessions, publications

-**Restore America: National Trust Preservation Awards:** March 1, 2004 – visit <http://www.nthp.org> or call 202.588.6236.

-**Preserve America History Teacher of the Year:** Preserve America and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History will honor outstanding teachers of American history across the country with a new "Preserve America History Teacher of the Year" award. Finalists will be selected annually from each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories. State winners will receive \$1000 and a core archive of history materials for their school library. A "National Preserve America History Teacher of the Year" will be selected from the group of state finalists. The winner, together with the nominating supervisor, will be flown to Washington, D. C. for

recognition. Deadline to apply: April 30, 2004. For application information, see: <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/>

**-Teaching American History:** U.S. Dept. of Education Grant Program Teaching American History grants support projects to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of traditional American history. Grant awards assist local educational agencies (LEAs), in partnership with entities that have extensive content expertise, to develop, document, evaluate, and disseminate innovative, cohesive models of professional development. Deadline to apply: March 2, 2004. For grant announcement, see: <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/2004/84215x.html>

- **On the Road**

In January, your editor attended the NPS 2004 Legislative Workshop in Philadelphia, and presented an update on legislative activity in the heritage areas. The workshop included site visits around the Schuylkill River National Heritage Area, where executive director Kurt Zwikl made a presentation to workshop attendees, and to Valley Forge National Military Park, just outside Philadelphia.

- **For more information on the heritage areas, visit our [website](#).**

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